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REVISED SCHEDULE FOR TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE ON PORT REPUBLIC ROAD PROJECT

STAUNTON – The previously announced traffic pattern change on Port Republic Road for Sept. 30 has been changed to Oct. 7 due to construction schedule impacts from recent rainfall. Motorists should be alert for a traffic pattern change on Oct. 7 at the Port Republic Road construction project in Rockingham County.

Southbound traffic at the Harrisonburg city limits will be shifted to the right onto the newly constructed roadway. Just before the Southeast Connector intersection, traffic will be moved to the left and rejoin the existing roadway.

Northbound traffic, just past the Southeast Connector, will shift to the left. Prior to entering the Harrisonburg city limits, traffic will be guided to the right and return to the existing roadway.

All work is subject to change and weather permitting.

The contract for the Port Republic Road project valued at \$10.1 million was awarded on Jan. 20, 2010 to Branch Highways Inc. of Roanoke. The new road will have a design speed of 50 miles per hour with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour. The improvements include four travel lanes with curb and gutter and a 16-foot raised curb median. Crossovers and left-turn lanes will be provided at all major intersections. Existing entrances and connections will be maintained during construction and tied into the finished roadway upon completion of the project which is scheduled for January 2012.

Approximately .2 miles of the Southeast Connector, Alternate 4, at the Port Republic Road intersection is being constructed as part of this project. Alternative 4 of the Southeast Connector extends from Stone Spring Road at the Harrisonburg city limits to Route 33. The remainder of

the Southeast Connector Alternative 4 will be constructed in future projects as funding becomes available.

Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are also part of the project. A 10-foot paved shared used path for bicyclists and pedestrians will be located along the west side of the road. A five-foot sidewalk will be located along the east side of the road. All pedestrian accommodations will be handicap accessible.

The VDOT Staunton District serves Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Alleghany and Bath counties.

Traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511. In areas where 511 is unavailable, dial 1-866-MY511VA (866-695-1182) (TTY/TDD users, call 711). Traffic alerts and traveler information also are available at 511Virginia.org.

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